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I'VE ONLY BEEN DRINKING WATER, SO MY STOMACH'S ALL SQUELCHY...
I... I'M STARV-ING...

THE RIVER MAY HAVE CONTAINED FISH... HOWEVER, THE BOY LACKED THE WILLPOWER TO TRY AND GO THROUGH THE EFFORT OF CATCHING THEM...

I... IF I GO DOWNRIVER, IF I GO DOWNRIVER THEN I'LL DEFINITELY FIND HUMAN HABITATION...
ONLY ONE THOUGHT WAS IN THE BOY'S MIND "I WANT TO HEAD TO SOMEWHERE WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE I JUST WANT TO MEET SOMEONE"
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TH THIS SOUND...?!
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I'M GONNA DIE HERE...
S... SO I'M GONNA DIE...
G GOODBYE
GOODBYE EVERYONE...
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IT'S PRETTY...
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L-LILLIES!
TH-THOSE ARE LILLIES!
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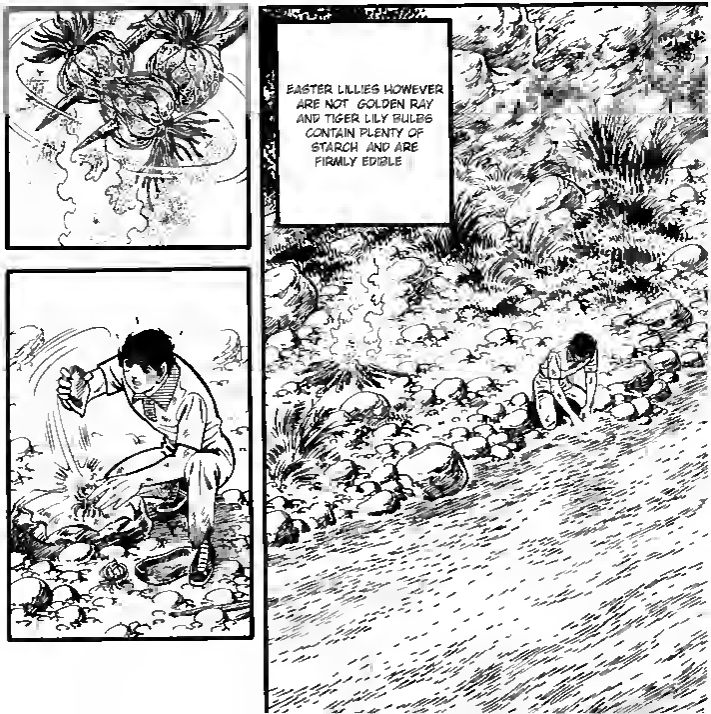
THERE ARE MANY EDIBLE PLANTS IN THE LILIACEAE FAMILY... THESE INCLUDE THE GARLIC CHIVE WELSH ONION, ONION, GARLIC, JAPANESE LEEK AND ASPARAGUS


EASTER LILLIES HOWEVER ARE NOT GOLDEN RAY AND TIGER LILY BULBS CONTAIN PLENTY OF STARCH AND ARE FIRMLY EDIBLE

FOR THE BOY IT WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY DELICIOUS FEAST AND HIS FIRST MEAL IN TWO DAYS
HOT, HOT!

UH, UH...
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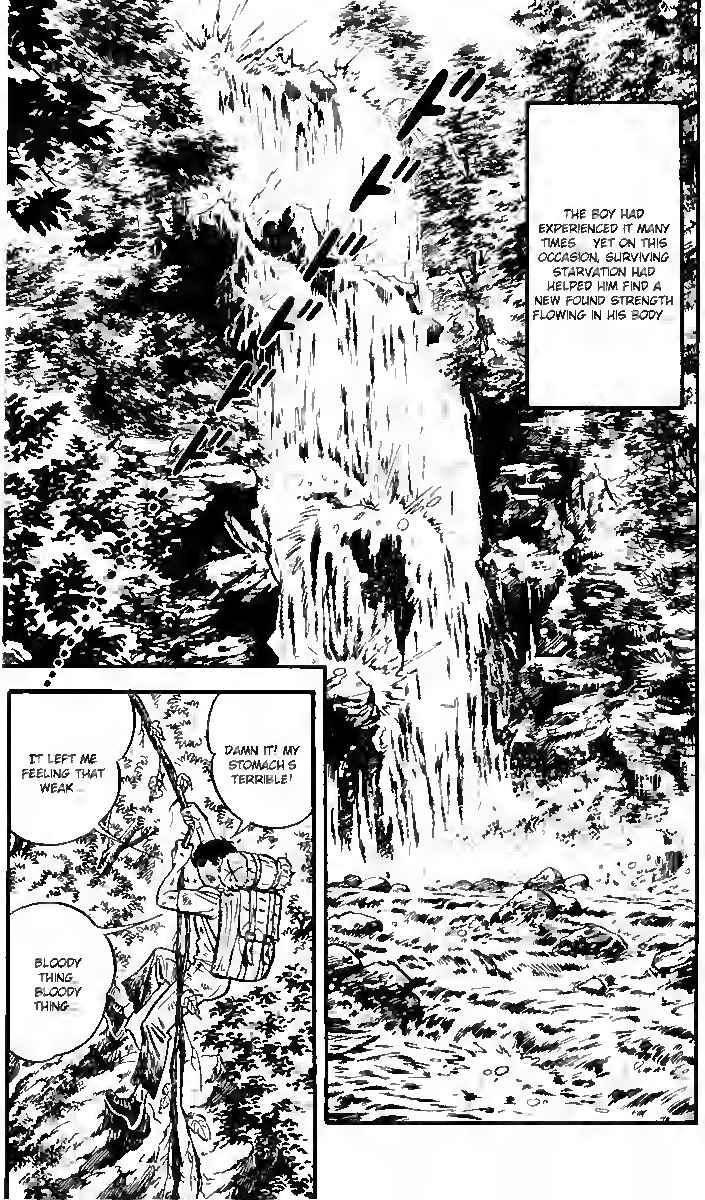
I... I'M STILL ALIVEEE! I... I'M STILL MAKING IT!
IT WERE AS THOUGH THE HEAVENS WERE TELLING HIM TO NOT GIVE UP TO LIVE ON THE BOY COULD NOT HELP BUT FEEL HE HEARD HIS FAMILY'S VOICES FROM IT.


THE BOY HAD EXPERIENCED IT MANY TIMES... YET ON THIS OCCASION, SURVIVING STARVATION HAD HELPED HIM FIND A NEW FOUND STRENGTH FLOWING IN HIS BODY
DAMN IT! MY STOMACH'S TERRIBLE!
IT LEFT ME FEELING THAT WEAK...
BLOODY THING... BLOODY THING...

FISH FISH!
THERE ARE FISH HERE!
WAIT!
THIS'D BE THE PERFECT SPOT FOR A TRAP!
A TRAP!

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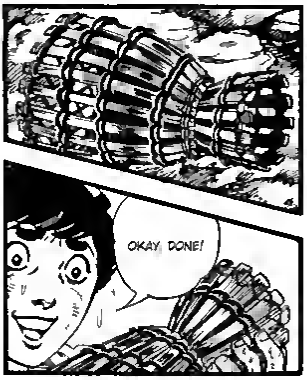
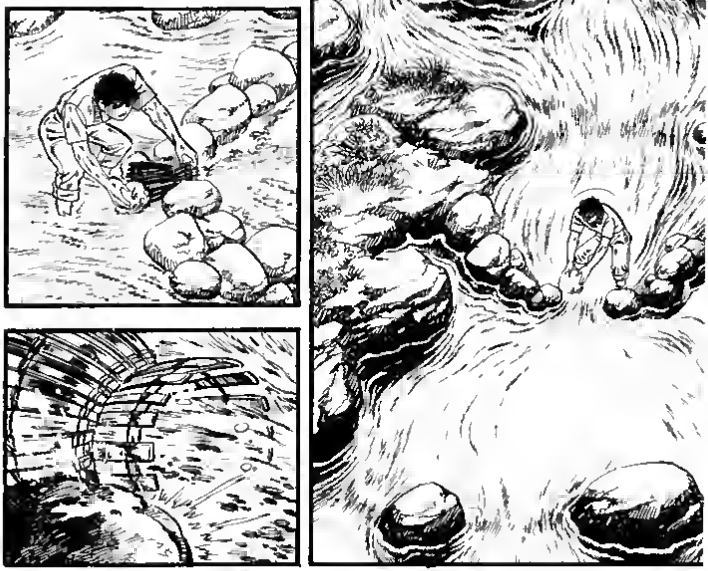
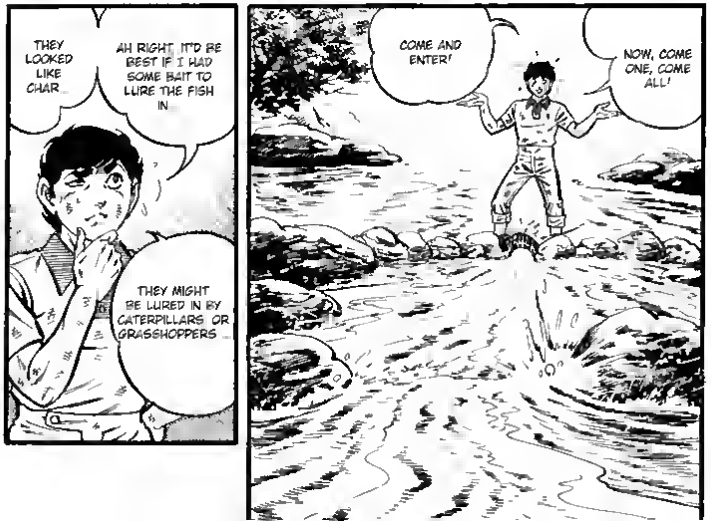

OKAY, DONE!




THEY LOOKED LIKE CHAR...
AH RIGHT. IT'D BE BEST IF I HAD SOME BAIT TO LURE THE FISH IN...
THEY MIGHT BE LURED IN BY CATERPILLARS OR GRASSHOPPERS...
COME AND ENTER!
NOW, COME ONE, COME ALL!

CHAR ARE WELL KNOWN FOR EATING REPULSIVE THINGS. BE THAT CATERPILLARS GRASSHOPPERS OR EVEN SNAKES...
COOL, THIS SHOULD DO IT!
BUT... IT'LL BE DARK SOON...

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SOME-
ONE'S
THERE!

HEEEY, WAIT UUUP!
HEEEY, HEEEY!
HEEEY, HEEEY!
NO GOOD! I GUESS HE CAN'T HEAR ME OVER THE SOUND OF THE WATERFALL!
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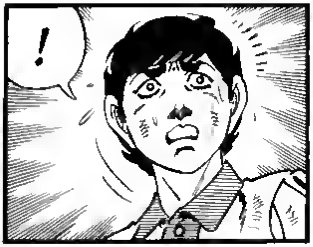
AH I'M SURE HE WENT OVER THERE!

IT WAS A SMALL FIGURE.
SO PROBABLY A KID AROUND MY AGE!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HEY!
Y .. YOU THERE!

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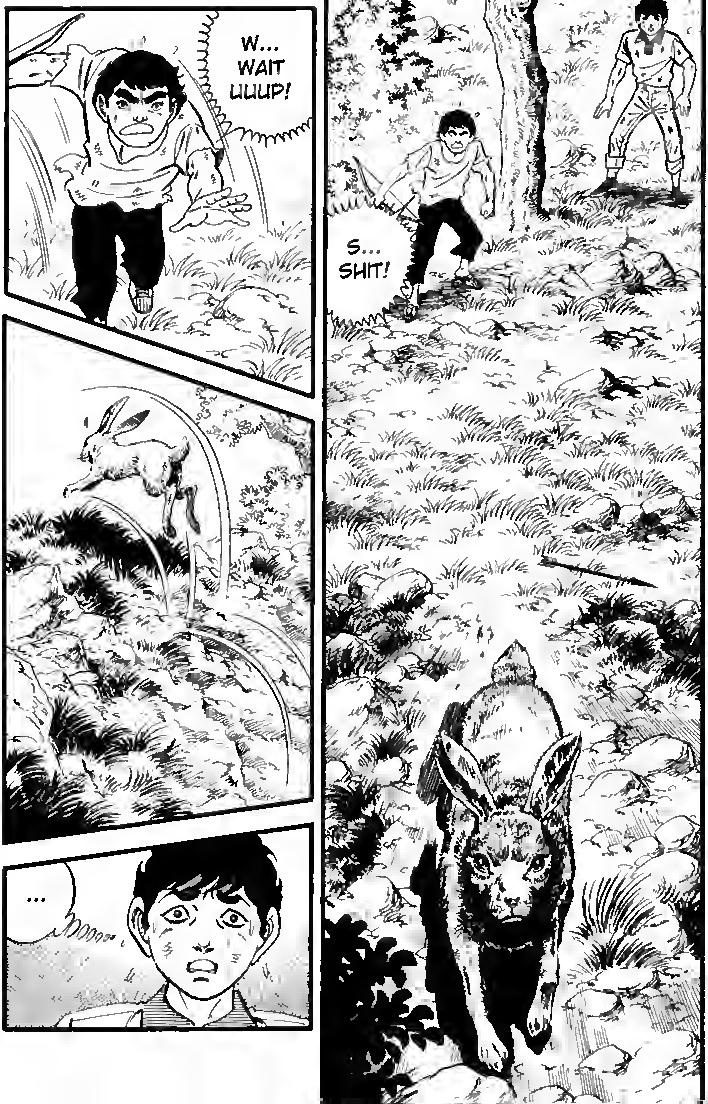
AH!
B... BLOODY HELL!


W...
WAIT
UUUP!
S...
SHIT!
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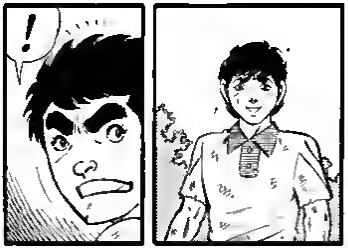
S... SORRY..
YOU IDIOT! WHY'D YA LET IT GET AWAY FOR?!

YOU STILL HERE? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
A... AAH... YOU WON'T CATCH A RABBIT LIKE THAT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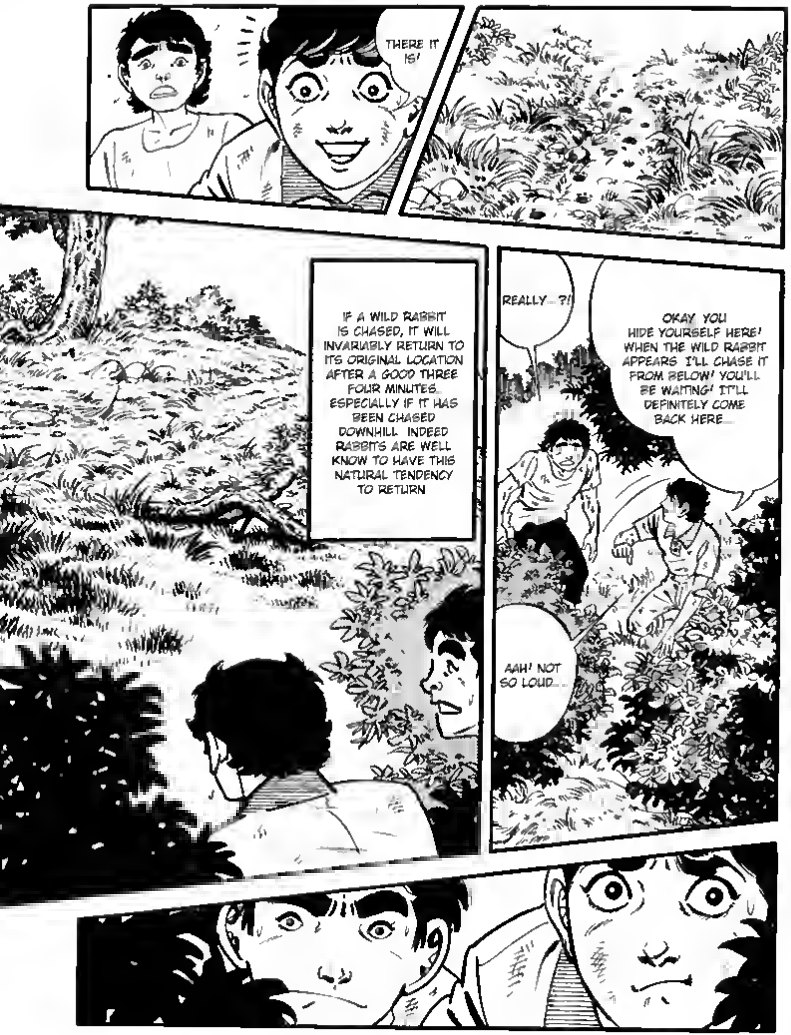
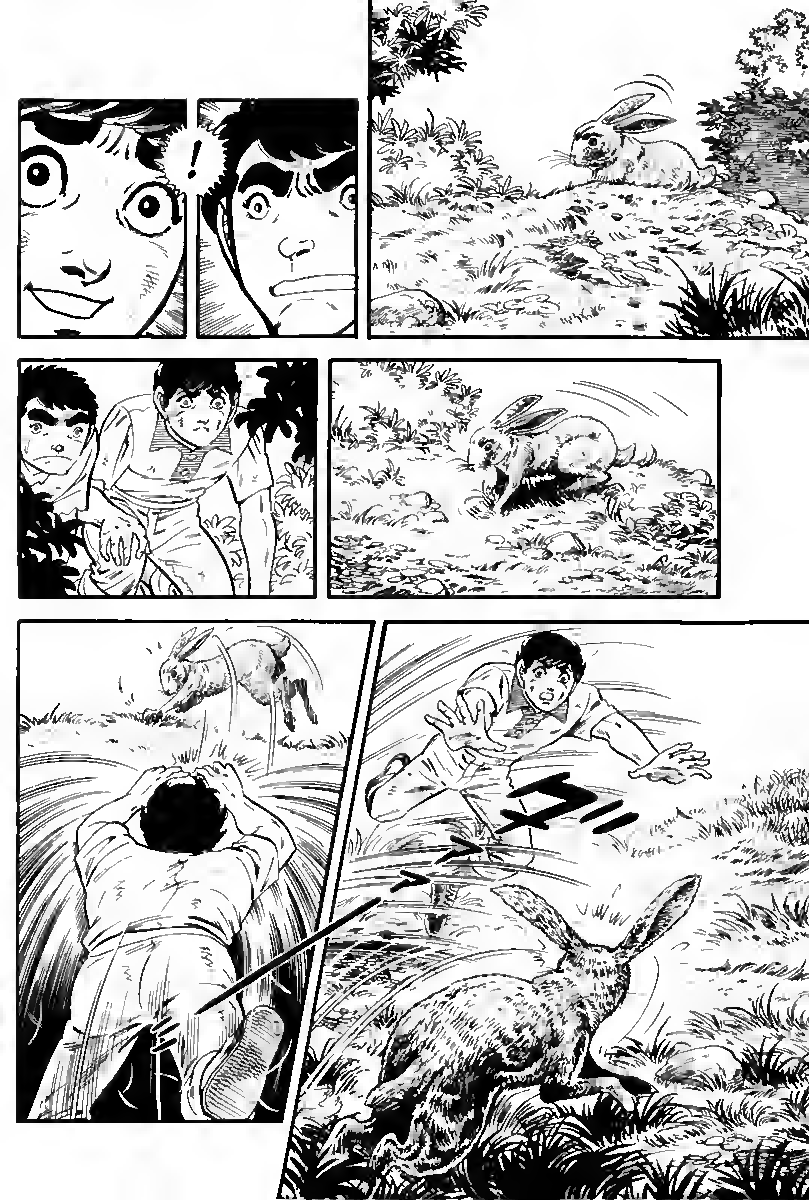
RABBITS RUN WHILE PROPELLING THEMSELVES WITH THEIR SUPPLE REAR LEGS... THEIR FORELEGS ARE CONSIDERABLY SHORTER, SO WHEN GOING DOWNSLOPE THEIR SPEEDS BECOME INCREDIBLY HIGH. WHEN RUNNING QUICKLY, THEY CAN PASS SPEEDS OF 80KM AN HOUR. THEY ARE AMONGST THE FASTEST ANIMALS IN JAPAN, THOUGH THIS IS QUITE NATURAL WITH ENEMIES SUCH AS THE KITSUNE AND MARTEN...


THERE IT IS!
IF A WILD RABBIT IS CHASED, IT WILL INVARIABLY RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION AFTER A GOOD THREE FOUR MINUTES. ESPECIALLY IF IT HAS BEEN CHASED DOWNHILL. INDEED RABBITS ARE WELL KNOW TO HAVE THIS NATURAL TENDENCY TO RETURN
REALLY...?!
OKAY, YOU HIDE YOURSELF HERE! WHEN THE WILD RABBIT APPEARS I'LL CHASE IT FROM BELOW! YOU'LL BE WAITING! IT'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK HERE...
AAH! NOT SO LOUD...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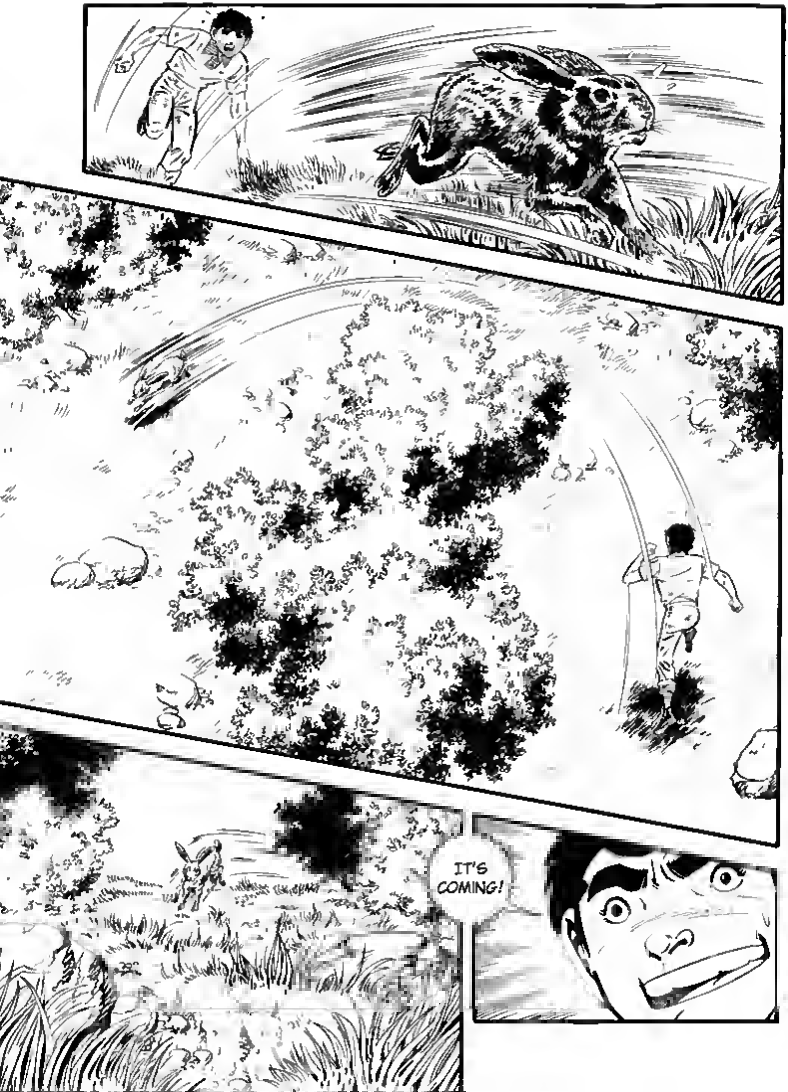
IT'S COMING!

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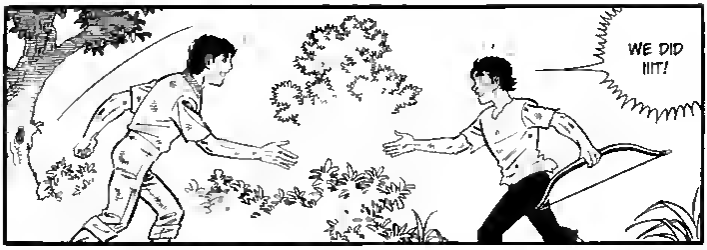
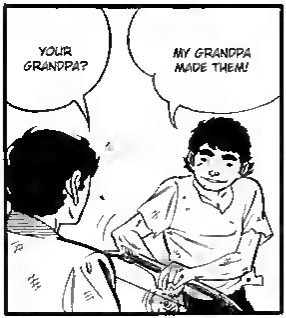
WE DID IT!
WE DID IT!
WE DID IIIT!

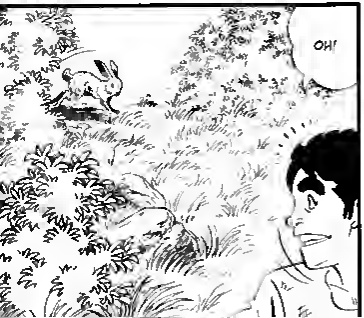

WE DID IIIT!

I'M SATORU

I'M KAZUO


YOUR GRANDPA?
MY GRANDPA MADE THEM!

YOU'RE GOOD WITH A BOW.
STILL, YOU'RE GOOD! I'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED IT.
IT'S A FINE BOW AND ARROW IN FACT.


OH!

WH WHY?!
EH?!

JUST CATCH THE ONE THIS TIME...
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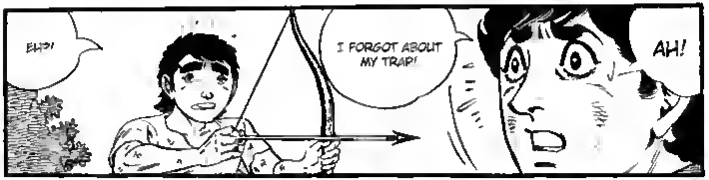
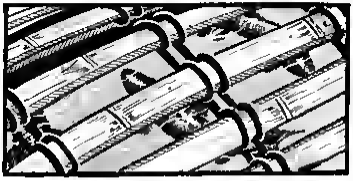
SWEET ANOTHER ONE CAME OUT!


EH?!
I FORGOT ABOUT MY TRAP!
AH!

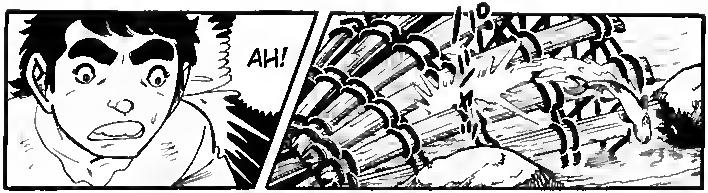
WH... WHERE ARE YOU GOING...?!
I'D LEFT A TRAP OUT!



YOU REALLY DID THERE'S FISH THERE!

I GOT SOME!
OH!

HERE IT IS!
HEEEH, YOU MADE THIS...?!


AH!

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT SOME OF THE FISH ESCAPE BACK TO NATURE AND GROW UP...
IF WE WERE TO CATCH THEM ALL THERE'D BE NOTHING LEFT NEXT TIME...

IT'S FINE... IF THEY'RE SMALL...
HEY, HEY! A SMALL FISH SLIPPED THROUGH AND ESCAPED!
I... ISN'T THAT A BIT OF A WASTE?!

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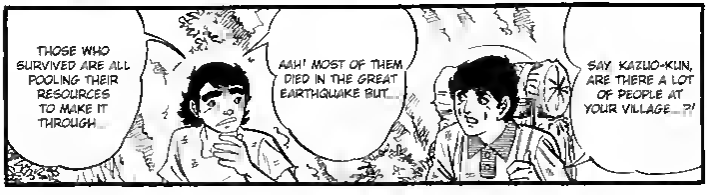
THE BOY WAS NOW ABLE TO SEE WHY SATORU HAD STOPPED HIM FROM CATCHING THE SECOND WILD RABBIT. ONE MUST ALWAYS CONSIDER THE BREEDING OF A SPECIES WHEN CATCHING THEM, LEST THEY DIE OUT.
I GET IT... SO IT WAS THE SAME FOR THE RABBIT TOO.

IF I GO BACK WITH THIS I'M SURE SATSUKI-SAMA WILL BE HAPPY!

THIS WAS WHAT THE ONE BOY TOLD THE OTHER...

SATSUKI-SAMA...?

MM!
LET'S GO, YOU CAN COME WITH ME TO THE VILLAGE!
THANK YOU!


THOSE WHO SURVIVED ARE ALL POOLING THEIR RESOURCES TO MAKE IT THROUGH...
AAH! MOST OF THEM DIED IN THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE BUT...
SAY KAZUO-KUN, ARE THERE A LOT OF PEOPLE AT YOUR VILLAGE...?!

WELL... I WAS JUST CURIOUS IF MY FAMILY HAD BEEN BY...
WE'VE ONLY THOSE WHO WERE HERE ORIGINALLY. WHY?
NO. NO ONE AT ALL...
DON'T YOU HAVE PEOPLE COMING FROM OTHER VILLAGES...?
I'VE BEEN ON A LONG JOURNEY, LOOKING FOR MY PARENTS AND MY SISTER...
MM...
YOU'RE... LOOKING FOR YOUR FAMILY...?
STILL, AT LEAST YOU CAN BE LOOKING FOR THEM! MY PARENTS AND SIBLINGS ALL DIED IN THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE!
IS THAT SO...
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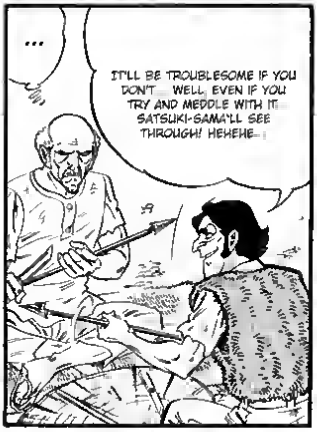
I'VE STILL GOT MY GRANDPA WITH ME!
AH WHATEVER.

THIS IS MY VILLAGE!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IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME IF YOU DON'T... WELL, EVEN IF YOU TRY AND MEDDLE WITH IT, SATSUKI-SAMA'LL SEE THROUGH! HEHEHE...

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GREAT, YOU PUTTING YOUR BACK INTO IT OLD MAN?!

IT'S BENT AIN'T IT?!
WH... WHAT'S WITH THIS ARROW...
WH... WHAT'S THIS?!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
MAYBE IT'S YOUR CROOKED PERSONALITY YOU'RE SEEING...
HOHO... IT LOOKS STRAIGHT TO ME
YOU'RE A USELESS INVALID WHO CAN ONLY WATCH THE FIRE!
DON'T LAUGH UNLESS YOU WANNA DIE!
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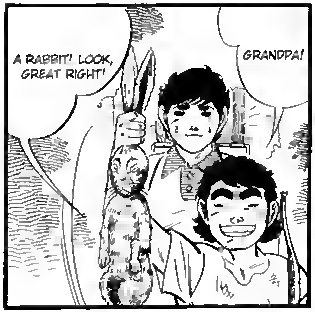
A RABBIT! LOOK, GREAT RIGHT!
GRANDPA!

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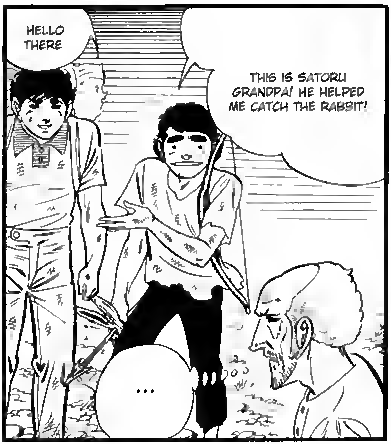
HELLO THERE
THIS IS SATORU GRANDPA! HE HELPED ME CATCH THE RABBIT!
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THAT'S REAL GREAT KAZUO YOU SHOULD GET IT TO SATSUKI-SAMA RIGHT AWAY!
NO NEED TO TELL ME I WAS GONNA DO IT ANYWAY!

...
SOME SORT OF VAGABOND...?
HMMM... AN OUTSIDER EH
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ARROW...?
...
THESE ARE THE ARROWS MY GRANDPA MAKES, AMAZING AIN'T THEY!
HAVING TRIED TO MAKE HIS OWN BOW AND ARROWS THE BOW WAS IMPRESSED BY THE OLD MAN'S EXQUISITE WORK...
REAL AMAZING!
MM, IT'S AMAZING!
SURE!
IF YOU'D LIKE, TRY AND FIRE IT...

IT'S THE GOOD ARROWS
I... I'M NOT PARTICULARLY SKILLED
W... WOAH!
THAT BOY IS A "CALAMITY"...!